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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – GROUP ART UNIT 1636

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

Short and Keller

Art Unit:

1636

Application No.:

09/848,095

Examiner:

Bronwen Loeb

Filed:

May 3, 2001

Title:

HIGH THROUGHPUT SCREENING FOR

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2002.

The requested extension is for Two (2) Month, extending the period for response from February 19, 2003 to April 19, 2003.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, April 17, 2003, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Carrie Casey

(Person Making Paper)

April 17, 2003

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Enclosed is Check No. 534501 in the total amount of \$205.00; which consists of the fee for Two (2) Month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 17, 2003

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